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Dr. Dre And Eminem Talk 'I Need A Doctor'

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This past Thursday (February 24th) Rapfix premiered the video for Dr. Dre's latest, "I Need A Doctor." It had been more than a long time coming for Dre, as the producer's been toiling away on his third solo LP, Detox, for over ten years. In an interview with EXTRA, both Dre and Eminem spoke about how "I Need A Doctor" was the song that lit a fire under Dre to hurry up and finish the project.

"Obviously my whole career— especially in the beginning, but even still till this day— is always to try to get a reaction out of Dre," Eminem said. "And this track, the reaction I wanted was to spark him even more than he's been sparked lately. Kinda even push it further and just get him to finish the album."

According to Dre, Marshall definitely succeeded with this goal. "That's what ["I Need A Doctor"] did," he said. "It was like, 'Come on let's go. Let's get it!' This is what he was saying after I heard the song."

Appropriately, the video follows suit, finding Em rapping affectionately to Dre while he's stuck in a coma suffered during a car crash.

"The car crash I think is just metaphorically speaking," said Em. "[It] feels like Dre's been in a coma, and like me and hip-hop are trying to wake him up out of his coma."

The video features a host of nostalgia-inducing imagery— photographs, video footage, etc.— that highlights the monstrous music career Dre has had over the past twenty five years. But more importantly, as Dre awakens from his coma in the clip, it hints towards what's to come.

"It almost felt like this song and this video was the rebirth of something," Dre said. "Maybe the rebirth of me, going to whatever the future holds for me. It's weird because that's how I started feeling last night during the making of this video, kind of feeling the rehabilitation and everything. It just really feels that way."

What do you think of Em and Dre's interview? Tweet to us at @MTVRapFix or tell us in a comment below?